

EASTERN STATES MISSION ELDERS DO GOOD WORK

MAINE.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, a joint conference of the New Hampshire and Maine conferences was held. All of the elders from both conferences were present, making 27 elders besides a large number of Saints and friends. Two very interesting meetings were held on Sunday, special musical numbers also giving the audience entire satisfaction. Pres. Rich spoke on the origin of the name "Mormon," and also on the principles of the gospel. A priesthood meeting was held at 2 p. m. at which all of the elders were allowed to express themselves as to their feeling towards the great work. The elders are all appointed to their winter field and are settling down to good work.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The elders are all in their fields of labor for the winter and are working hard to interest the people. There is not so much prejudice as there used to be but the people seem to care nothing about any religion in many cases. The people in Concord seemed very friendly and were turning out to hall meetings but the agent of the adversary has made it impossible for the elders to get halls now, so they are carrying the work along through cottage meetings. It is so cold that it is unwise to do too much traveling at a time when you can't get inside, but the elders are all putting in their time profitably.

VERMONT.

The work in the Vermont conference is thriving especially in the distribution of literature. Elders Bullock and Austin in Montreal both sold 50 small books in the past week. Out of all the cities the work seems to be prospering in that line more in Montreal. Some of the good townsfolk in Barre are trying to have the elders expelled from the city but there is not much danger of that ever happening. New fields are being opened up and in each case a splendid opportunity has presented itself.

NEW ENGLAND.

The Saints and elders are preparing for conference to be held on Jan. 8, and reports show the work to be picking up, despite the cold weather. Pres. Tolton held a branch conference at Lowell and hopes some time soon to organize there and hold weekly meetings. Elder Geo. A. Hogan, while on his way to Portland by boat got into a crowd where an evangelist was preaching. At the conclusion of the talk Elder Hogan took the opportunity of explaining Mormonism, much to the delight of many on board.

RHODE ISLAND.

The past week has been a very successful one in the Rhode Island conference. At 10 a. m. on Nov. 29 a priesthood meeting was held at which the elders all expressed themselves as enjoying the spirit of their mission and the result is that from no corner of the conference comes a discouraging report.

Elder John N. Smith while visiting a friend in East Providence was attacked by the minister who claimed the people. He created a great disturbance and swore that he would instruct his people to burn the literature and have nothing to do with the elders, but too many ministers have made the same threat, and we have seen them fail too often to expect any harm from this one.

NEW YORK.

Although the weather is getting very cold the prospects are bright to get in better work than last month. Elders Burgess and Ashcraft were permitted to explain the gospel at a Baptist meeting in the city after intracting. Elder Burgess met a lady who had listened to the story. She immediately asked him to explain more fully the belief of the Mormons and he left her some books to read.

Conference was held in New York city at which the largest congregation

for months was present. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

Pres. Winger has been on the sick list for a few days but is recovering.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

Elders Hyrum R. Nelson and David Lee, who are laboring in Charleroi, Pa., were permitted to explain the gospel at a Presbyterian meeting, after which the people received them kindly and insisted that they stay and join in the party. There is an opportunity for excellent work in that city.

Elder Moroni Brown has been visiting throughout the conference for two weeks. During this time 18 meetings were held and one holy blessed.

One of the Saints, Mrs. Allhouse, died last week, leaving six children, the youngest being only three months old. Mrs. Allhouse has been a faithful member of the Church for eleven years, and the loss is keenly felt by all who knew her.

A Mutual Improvement Association has been organized in the Fairview branch with the following officers: Supt. Elder Martin Mortenson, also class leader; Sidney Creager and Violet Wazerman, first and second assistants; Charles Aves, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Barbara Welch, organist. Elders J. C. Wilkison and A. M. Maughan, serving in McKeesport are meeting with the best of success.

MARYLAND.

Owing to the weather, the elders have not received much new ground, but have been visiting friends and investigators and explaining more fully the gospel to them and their friends whom they often call in to listen. The elders in Frederick say that it would be impossible now to get Mormons and Mormonism out of the minds of the people, as the ministers keep up the hum.

Elders Miller and Marvill, who are still in the country report that the snow is getting so deep they will soon have to come to the city to work.

Elders—James C. Matthews, Northwest Virginia, Geo. C. Rounds, New England; Heber L. Barker, Maine.

ELDERS MAKE FRIENDS IN CENTRAL STATES

President Bennion spent Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, in conference with the elders of East Kansas out from Thayer. A number of good meetings were held, for the priest-hood and the public. In that neighborhood there are only a few Saints, but a great many warm friends and investigators. The elders came for miles to attend the conference. The schoolhouse, secured for the meetings, was filled, a splendid spirit prevailing. Elders T. Norton Brunker and Edward Dunningham of the Louisiana conference report that in calling at a boarding house one day and explaining their mission and mode of travel, and after an hour's conversation, they won the good will of the lady and were kindly entertained by her. On leaving next morning they were invited to stop at her place at any time.

Elders William R. White and H. W. Williams of the North Texas conference have been holding some interesting meetings at Ennis. One of the meetings held by the elders was attended by a gentleman who had lived in the southern part of Utah. He highly recommended the Mormon people for their hospitality and general right living. The elders have been meeting with exceptionally good treatment in that part.

Elder William J. Bond, who is teaching school at Marlow, reports that he has 20 pupils in attendance and all doing well. Also that the Primary, Sunday school, and Improvement associations are alive and growing. They are all being attended by children and young people not members of the Church, and great good is being done. Elder George A. Pearce will take up a similar work at Enoch.

Elder C. W. Hawley and companion, laboring in the South Texas conference, have been traveling in a vicinity where they have met very friendly and hospitable people. Stopping at a ranch in the country district, they were kindly invited to stay over night. Next

morning so interested were the people in the message borne by the elders, and so friendly toward the cause, that they insisted upon the elders spending more time with them. When the elders were finally under the necessity of leaving the friends purchased a complete set of their literature and prepared a conveyance to carry them seven or eight miles on their way.

Elder William M. Cazier, who has been laboring for the past 19 months in the mission field, has been honorably released because of ill health and has returned to his home.

EZRA L. MARLER,

Secretary.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS IN SHEFFIELD BRANCH

The Sheffield semi-annual conference was held in the Latter-day Saints' church, Pittsboro, Sheffield, November 27, 1910. In attendance were President Rudger Clawson and family, Presidents E. S. Horsley, Joseph W. Clark and Charles W. Porter of the Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester conferences, respectively, several visiting elders from the Grimsby, Leeds and Manchester conferences, President Samuel Cottam and 22 traveling elders of the Sheffield conference.

The morning session commenced at 10:30. Prayer was offered by Elder Seth Rudge. President Samuel Cottam gave a hearty welcome to all present and made brief remarks, showing the necessity of putting forth good works. Said that the conference was in a good condition.

Elder Charles L. Johnson reported the Barnsley branch as being in a good condition. Meetings are well attended and a good spirit is manifested. President Ernest L. Horsley of the Leeds conference gave an excellent address on the law of tithing, showing that tithing is a law of God and a good spirit is manifested.

President Rudger Clawson spoke on the necessity of prayer. Said we should always have a prayer in our hearts when we are doing any work. The children of God. Gave an illustration to show that prayers are answered. Stated that prophets were in the Church anciently, why not have them today? Bore testimony that there is a prophet in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the present time.

After singing, prayer was offered by Elder Clyde T. Greenwell.

Afternoon session commenced at 2:30 with a goodly number present. Prayer was offered by Elder John B. Hirst. The Sunday school children very nicely sang the song, "Thine is the Kingdom, O God." The choir rendered the hymn, "Thine is the Kingdom, O God." The choir rendered the hymn, "Thine is the Kingdom, O God."

President Joseph W. Clark of the Newcastle conference said that if the Saints are united in their worship the Spirit of God is bound to be manifested. If the Church is united, it will last for ever, and the work done by the Latter-day Saints and progress made by them proves this to be the work of God.

The choir rendered the hymn, "Seek Ye the Lord," with Miss Chester as soloist. President Rudger Clawson said we should sing praises unto the Lord. Made mention of the power and inspiration that come from song. Stated emphatically that little children are pure and that none go to hell as supposed by some people. We should come to the house of the Lord on the Sabbath day and worship him. He said that the judgments are coming and cannot be held back, therefore all should seek to be ready to meet the Bridegroom when he comes and escape the punishment of the wicked. To enjoy life is to know God and obey him.

After singing, the benediction was uttered by Elder Archie M. Barker.

The evening meeting commenced at 6:30, with about 250 present. Prayer was offered by Elder Albert McCann. Elder George A. Pearce beautifully rendered the solo, "Thou Faithful Unto Death."

Elder Edward C. Rich of the Leeds conference, plainly showed that the gospel is the same in all ages, and that the Latter-day Saints are teaching the same doctrines today that were taught by the servants of God anciently. Re-

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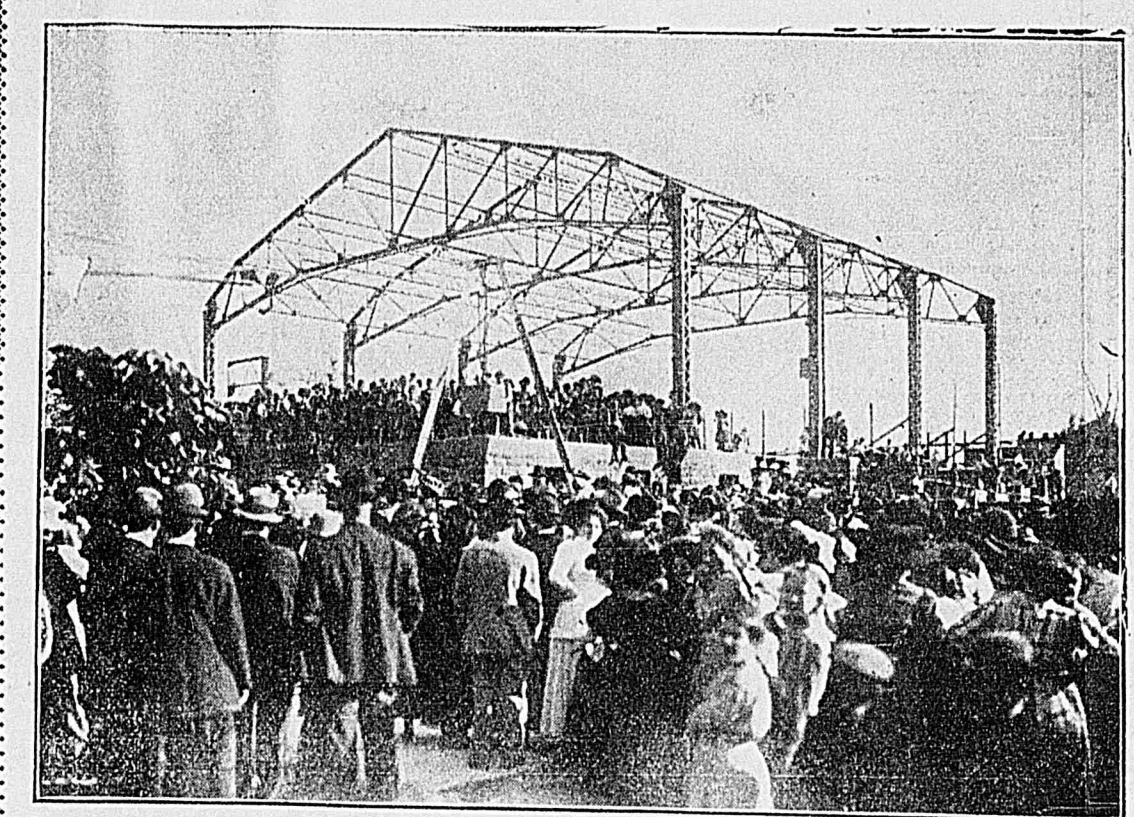


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LAYING CORNER STONE OF ALPINE STAKE TABERNACLE.

American Fork, Utah, Dec. 25.—The tabernacle here will be, when completed, one of the finest edifices in the Church. The foundation stone was laid recently with impressive ceremonies. Ground was broken for the excavation March 22, 1909; cement base-

ment begun June 21, 1909; laying of stone foundation begun July 12, 1910; carpenter work commenced Oct. 2; laying of brick commenced Oct. 19; the corner stone, which cost \$55, was donated by the officers and members of the Alpine stake Sunday school. It was laid

by President S. L. Chipman and dedicated by Apostle Orson F. Whitney on Monday, Oct. 24, 1910, with appropriate exercises. There were a complete set of standard Church works, with many other relics, placed in the box. The estimated cost of the building is \$60,000.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The following missionaries have recently returned from the mission field, and report good progress in the gospel cause, where they labored. They returned in good health except as otherwise noted:

Leroy Pratt Skousen, of Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart Oct. 15, 1908.

Nov. 21—Owen Leonard Stewart of Alma ward, Mesa, Maricopa co., Ariz., from the Eastern States mission; set apart Oct. 13, 1908.

Nov. 27—David Henry Jones of Provo, from the Sandwich Islands; set apart Jan. 21, 1910. Released on account of ill health.

Dec. 7—John H. Jones of Monticello, San Juan county, from the Central States mission; set apart Aug. 20, 1908.

Dec. 13—Miles Greener of Hineck, Millard county, from the Southern States mission; set apart June 22, 1909. Released on account of ill health.

Dec. 14—George Alma Hogan, of Thatcher, Bamooque county, Ida., from the Eastern States mission; set apart Oct. 15, 1908.

Dec. 15—Henry Perry Howell of Clifton, Ida., from the Eastern States mission; set apart June 16, 1909.

Nov. 17—Thomas Borup of Manard, Ida., from the Eastern States mission; set apart Nov. 17, 1908.

Dec. 16—Parley G. Thompson of Provo, Utah, from the Northwestern States mission; set apart Oct. 27, 1908.

Robert H. Hamilton of Sugar City, Ida., from the Northwestern States mission; set apart Oct. 27, 1908.

Dec. 17—William H. Rasmussen of Fillmore, Utah, from the Northwestern States mission; set apart Oct. 13, 1908.

Charles T. Marsden of Carleton, Canada, from the Eastern States mission; set apart July 20, 1909.

Dec. 18—Wilford Stevens of Aurora, Sedro county, from the Northwestern States mission; set apart Nov. 2, 1908.

Ephraim J. Ellison of Deseret, Millard county, from the Northwestern States mission; set apart Oct. 20, 1908.

Dec. 20—Joseph S. Parkinson of Wells-ville, Utah, from the British and Eastern States missions; set apart Jan. 7, 1909. In England one year, and was then transferred.

Hyrum I. Yates, of Lake Point, Tooele county, Utah, from the Southern States mission; set apart Nov. 3, 1908.

Ernest E. Palmer, of Grantsville, Tooele county, Utah, from the Southern States mission; set apart Nov. 3, 1908.

Dec. 21—George C. Rounds of Iona, Idaho, from the Eastern States mission; set apart June 15, 1909.

Lawrence B. Caine, of Logan, Utah, from the Swiss and German mission; set apart April 9, 1908.

Dec. 22—William S. Glenn of Wells-ville, Utah, from the British mission; set apart Jan. 7, 1909.

Archibald M. Barker of Hyrum, Utah, from the British mission; set apart Oct. 15, 1908.

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On Sunday morning President Grant reported all organizations complete, the various quorums of the priesthood alive and doing a good work. President Grant also spoke on the gospel and to all mankind.

Elders James A. Eldredge and Jesse M. Smith of the stake presidency spoke on the care of the youth, and the duty of parents to teach their children the principles of the gospel.

Elder Edward B. Clark, lately returned from a mission, told of the duties of the elders in the mission field to be obedient to those that preside over them, and of the love that comes to the elders in the mission field for one another. On Sunday afternoon a general conference was held. At this meeting the members of the stake presidency imparted valuable instructions to the priesthood, and exhorted them to faithfulness and diligence in their labors.

Elder Heber J. Grant expressed his

GENEALOGY

To Correspondents:

Brief genealogical sketches of every nationality, questions and answers concerning family links and notices of family association reunions will be accepted for this department under the following rules:

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THE NEW YEAR.

Four years ago this department was opened in The Deseret News. It is sometimes safe to measure efforts by some of the splendid results which have grown out of any movement. But after all, what are results? Who can measure—where does it lie? We see a bird flying up at heaven's gate in early days of March, although the sun be cold, the earth holding sway along the canyon water courses, and only the light of feathered green along the edges of the valley streams, yet if the bird sing long and loud, we shall stop and listen, as we cry with the secret recesses of our soul, "The spring is coming, the spring is coming." The bird may not bring the bud nor bloom, nor cause the warm showers, yet in some way, it has brought us a message of hope and trust, and with his heart aflame with joyous prophecy he has bid us to look up and sky in vain endeavor to hasten on the glad coming of the sunshine and the spring.

Just so, we have been crying out in the dark that morning would soon break and the mountain tops would be bathed in the first faint streak of light with these human eyes; but something in us presages the coming of the spring, and we have been calling to the laggard souls to up and dress for day's full tide will come upon us ere we are ready or aware. We have been calling—calling in the dimness of men's laggard indifference, we have been crying out of hope and trust, with all the heartfelt harmony that we could muster. The song may not be always masterful, but it has been heard. We have been crying out of hope and trust, with all the heartfelt harmony that we could muster.

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